GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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INDO-NEPAL COOPERATION ON WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any progress in the cooperation on water resources between India and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been significant progress in the cooperation in water resources between India and Nepal. In this regard an India Nepal Joint Committee of Water Resources (JCWR) headed by the respective Secretaries of the Ministry of Water Resources of the two countries have been formed, to discuss and take decisions on important issues. Regarding multipurpose projects on various rivers common to India and Nepal, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project is already under preparation by Joint Project Office, Kathmandu. Further, the Inception Report in respect of Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage cum diversion Scheme has also been finalized paving the way for field investigations and preparation of DPR. An India-Nepal Standing Committee (SCIP) constituted in 1986 is also meeting regularly to look into various inundation problems faced by the two countries in the border areas.